

MARKED UP VERSION OF THE AMENDED CLAIMS

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12. (new) A method for monitoring comprising the steps of:
employing converters (2,3,4,8);
disposing the converters (2,3,4, 8) at the support (1) or at the rolling bodies (7);
capturing forces occurring in the support (1) or at the rolling body (7) with the converters (2,3,4, 8);
generating electrical pulses in the converters (2,3,4, 8);
subjecting actively at least one of the electrical converters (2,3,4,8) disposed at the support (1) in the monitored region (1,7) of the technical rolling body (7) or at least at the technical rolling body (7) with electrical energy (5a,9);
signalizing electrical pulses from the converters (2,3,4, 8) to an electrical control and evaluation station (6);
detecting changes in state of the monitored region including material damages or separating damages by way of the electrical pulses;
feeding evaluable pulses (5a', 5b, 5c') from the converter (2, 3, 4, 8) into the support (1) or the rolling body (7), which pulses (5a', 5b, 5c') are captured by at least one of the converters (2,3,4,8), wherein pulses (5a', 5b, 5c') in turn are emitted by at least one of the converters (2,3,4,8);
capturing the pulses (5a', 5b, 5c') by the control and evaluation device (6) as evaluable pulses (5c, 9') for monitoring the region (1,7) of the technical rolling bodies (7) at any time relative to changes in state.

monitoring the region (1, 7) of the technical rolling bodies (7) in connection with rails of a wheel rail system or of a bearing.

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 11 continue to be in the case.

New claim 12 is being introduced.

New claim 12 is based on the language of claim 1.

The Office Action refers to Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102.

2. Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lyon(6,086,254).

Applicant believes that claim 12 clearly defines the present invention over the Lyon reference.

Applicant submits that the prior art made of record neither anticipates nor renders obvious the present invention.

Reconsideration of all outstanding rejections is respectfully requested.

All claims as presently submitted are deemed to be in form for allowance and an early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

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